

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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The moral level of a government cannot rise above the moral level of the citizens behind it. —Raymond B. Fosdick.

## THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC

The controversy between the Inter-Island company and the Masters' and Pilots' Association is daily growing in tension. There is much to be said on both sides. The Star-Bulletin believes there is no reason for an open break, which means a strike or a walkout, until every recourse of conference and consideration is exhausted.

Irrespective of the points involved in the controversy, the letter of the Inter-Island company to the association yesterday declared an admirable principle for a public service corporation to follow:

For injury either to a particular individual or to the public generally, the company alone is held responsible. It must follow that when the company waives its right to select the agents by whom alone its duty to both individuals and the public can be carried out, the public would have righteous cause for complaint.

This statement, we think, is about the only attitude the corporation can assume. On the other hand, the masters' association quite naturally feels that unless it can protect, by arbitration or agreement, its members from sudden dismissal by the company, these members will be at the mercy of their employers and very probably marked for sacrifice by reason of their participation in the dispute.

It is a situation that has arisen again and again in the clashes of powerful industry and determined organized labor. More and more, however, these clashes are being averted by the still more powerful and determined spirit of arbitration. The present controversy, we do not believe, has yet exhausted all the aids to harmony. If both sides would declare an armistice for a week or a month, pledging themselves meanwhile to plan or carry out no overt act, and then talk the situation over again without heat or passion, something might be arrived at.

The Inter-Island's letter of yesterday recognizes the paramount right of the public in this controversy—the right to safe and speedy transportation of passengers and freight, the right to get adequate public service from a public service institution—and the public, we feel quite certain, does not believe a strike or a walkout at this time is necessary to establish either justice for the association or to affirm the stand of the corporation.

## PROTECTION FOR DETAINED WOMEN

There is something wrong at the federal immigration station when, as is alleged, a Japanese procurer can enter the women's dormitory at night and insult one of the "picture brides" detained there.

The community looks to Inspector Halsey to make the most vigorous and searching investigation and to pin the guilt upon the guilty ones, if there be more than one, as seems probable. There is some suspicion that the unpleasant affair has been "framed up" by Japanese white slavers in revenge for the warfare being waged upon them by the federal authorities. However true this may be, the case brings to public notice the possibility that the federal station furnishes insufficient protection for those detained there by the United States. And this condition should be ended.

According to what can be learned, the Japanese procurer entered the women's dormitory when the watchman was absent on another part of his patrol of the big building. The dormitory doors are not locked because it is feared that should fire start, the inmates would be caught in a trap. During the day there is a woman attendant at the dormitory, but she goes home late in the afternoon or early in the evening.

Heretofore it has not been thought necessary to keep a woman attendant at night. But if the doors are to be left unlocked, if the watchman must be elsewhere in the station at times, and if the Japanese women are to be exposed to the outrages of the sinister white slavers, it ought to be pretty plain that additional safeguards are needed.

The present immigration station force is too small, anyway, for what is required to do. The force is overworked. There should, it appears, be a woman attendant or more night watchmen, and the woman attendant is the best solution. What is needed now is some active work at Washington to get a larger force for the station here.

## SOMETHING THE TAX-PAYERS WILL APPRECIATE

If the Honolulu supervisors want to try a little economy that will be much appreciated by the tax-payer, it would be a good idea for them to tackle the tax-rate, over which they were given considerable control by the last legislature. The supervisors of this county can cut the tax-rate, according to figures worked out by the territorial treasurer, five cents on every hundred dollars valuation by the simple method of reducing their estimate some \$38,000.

Maui county supervisors have already seen the wisdom of holding down their estimate below the full amount the law allows, and will thus save about eight cents on the hundred dollars. It is estimated that Oahu's tax-rate can be held to approximately \$1.07 instead of \$1.12. If the supervisors wish to take the full limit allowed by law, they can do so, but they also have the very valuable alternative of reducing their estimates and thus holding down the tax-rate.

The tax-payers, it is perfectly safe to say, will recognize and appreciate a spirit of economy that will prompt the supervisors to prune their estimates some \$38,000, which can be done if intelligently gone about. We hear something of salary raises—the old story, indeed. How about a little tax-rate revision downward?

## MILITIA PAY BILL PROGRESS

In spite of some lively opposition to the militia pay bill now before Congress, that measure is progressing at a good rate and will probably be taken up by the House at the present session. Its advocates hope that the bill will be passed either before March or during the extraordinary session. The Army and Navy Journal of January 18 contains the following:

"Hearings were held January 11 by the House rules committee on the militia pay bill in order to enter a special rule for early consideration of the measure. Col. William E. Harvey, commanding the second infantry, N. G. D. C., and member of the executive committee of the National Guard Association, addressed the committee. Briefly, Colonel Harvey, after expounding the constitutional idea of the militia, said: 'Of course, the United States government cannot make conscripts of us, and this passage of the bill is only a contract. The government says to all those who are already in the organized militia, "Let us pay you so much a month, and then if we need you we will transfer you to the army." 'Would that leave state organizations intact in time of peace?' he was asked. 'Undoubtedly.' Others who made statements were Gen. E. C. Young, of Illinois; General Chase, of Colorado; General Obar, of Georgia, and General Fridge, of Mississippi. The committee will hold further hearings."

## MAINE'S GOVERNOR ON LIQUOR

A few days ago this paper published a remarkable statement against intemperance by Chase Osborn, the retiring governor of Michigan. Now comes William T. Haines, the new governor of Maine, and in his inaugural address he declares:

"I have one suggestion to make that may or may not need legislation, and that is that more be done in our common schools to teach the children the damaging effects of alcohol on the body and mind of men, to the moral and mental injury of the race."

At another point in a remarkably able address the new executive says: "No one can doubt the curse of intoxicating liquors to most who use them. Science has proved their certain destruction to health and life. Business no longer tolerates them. The man seeking employment with rum in his breath, finds no work, but is relegated to the realm of trampdom. The businessman who indulges in their use very soon finds that he has no credit at the bank. The transportation companies do not find it safe to employ men who drink. The farmer who returns home from town drunk has the contempt of his neighbor and his wife and children, their pity and sympathy. The professional man who was once called brilliant, with the remark that 'it is too bad he drinks' is now called a fool for throwing his life away."

Knowledge and freedom from prejudice are marching on!

Wars may come and revolutions go, but Greece goes on forever.

These daily dispatches from England suggest the question, Why is the suffragette?

## LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

### WATER METERS

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin: Sir:—In reply to the articles appearing daily in the Advertiser on the subject of water meters, "the saying that they are to the consumer," setting forth the advantages that have been derived from their use in certain eastern cities, I would beg to say, most emphatically to all—to the ladies of the Kiloahana Art League especially—that if they want to know THE FACTS, what effect meters will have on the water rates in Honolulu, that they should interview those who have been so unlucky as to have had them installed. Even with the utmost economy, the meter increases the water bill to such an extent that such a thing as watering lawns and flowers will be out of the question except among the wealthiest.

But I warn you, make enquiry. Get the actual results and see what it means to have a meter on your water supply. I KNOW!

ONE WHO HAS A METER.

## PERSONALITIES

ALEX. JACKSON, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is touring the island for a few weeks.

D. H. GLADE of Bombay is registered at the Young. He is an uncle of H. Glade, with Hackfeld & Co.

W. C. LEONARD has so far recovered from an operation in a case of hernia that he was yesterday removed to his home in Manoa valley.

MR. AND MRS. GEO. DAVIS and their daughter, Miss Fanchon Davis, left yesterday on the Wilhelmina for their home in San Francisco.

J. J. NEWCOMBE, representing John Fowler & Co., the big steam-plow manufacturers and dealers of the mainland, is stopping for several days in Honolulu on his way to the Philippines.

CHRISTIAN J. HEDEMAN, manager of the Honolulu Iron Works, is planning a business trip to the Coast. Mr. Hedeman, who has also been in charge of the Denmark consulate, will turn that office over to F. Klamp during his absence.

MATTEO SANDOMNA, the artist, who was here a few years ago with commissions to paint the portraits of several island people, returned yesterday in the Manchuria. He will fill several commissions before leaving again for the mainland.

MRS. A. D. CONRAD and daughter, Miss Alicia, of Kalispell, Montana, arrived on the Manchuria for a stay of three weeks at the Mohana Hotel; they expect to sail for Japan February 21. Mrs. Conrad is a prominent banker, taking an actual part in the management of the Conrad National bank of Kalispell and the Conrad National Bank of Great Falls, Montana. Mrs. Conrad is the owner of one of the largest herds of buffalo in the United States and has been largely instrumental in the preservation of the species in the State of Montana. Her principal range is situated several miles north of the City of Kalispell. Charles F. Jewell, formerly of Montana and now with the Honolulu Gas Co. and who is an old friend of the Conrads, met the ladies at the steamer. He will be their host at a few entertainments which he is planning.

## FREAR'S FOES

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In fact, he has filed two complaints and will personally assure members of the senate committee on Pacific islands and Porto Rico that the governor must not be favorably considered.

Before the delegate left for San Francisco to meet his wife on her arrival from Honolulu, he laid before Senator Poindexter, chairman of the committee on Pacific islands and Porto Rico, some data bearing on the differences between himself and Governor Frear. The points enumerated followed those indicated in his original complaint against the re-appointment of Governor Frear.

After arriving in San Francisco and meeting the princess, and friends from Hawaii, the delegate telegraphed Senator Poindexter, requesting that nothing be done with the nomination until his return. He desired an opportunity of appearing in person and explaining his opposition before action was taken. Kinney appears in flight.

In the meantime, W. A. Kinney also filed with the committee a protest against confirmation. He took virtually the same view as that entertained by the delegate. He further indicated a desire to be further heard before a favorable report was ordered on the pending nomination.

Immediately following the receipt of the delegate's telegram, Senator Poindexter announced that there would not be a meeting of his committee to discuss the Hawaiian appointments for two or three weeks. This was done in order that abundant opportunity may be afforded for the return of the delegate and preparation of his formal protest.

In addition to this opposition the Democrats of the senate are perfectly willing to lend a helping hand because

of the statement submitted to the senate from the territorial Democratic committee. It was then urged that great detriment would follow the confirmation of Governor Frear and his administration would not be in tune with the new Democratic regime after March 4.

Up to this time there has been no change in the attitude of the Democrats toward President Taft's civil appointments. There is a firm disposition to refuse all of them confirmation, only permitting military and diplomatic selections to receive action. This position alone would preclude the possibility of Governor Frear's confirmation. No protests were needed to prevent him from being assured the new tenure of office.

## AT THE HOTELS

Alexander Young.

T. R. Sampson, Pine Bluffs, Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beatty, Pine Bluffs, Wyo., J. H. Moor, Chicago; George M. Reed, Portland, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Isaacs, San Francisco; Miss H. Hilson, San Francisco; Miss G. Charnack, San Francisco; John S. Macbeth, Denver; Georgia Hollen, Winnipeg, Man.; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Montgomery, Los Angeles; M. L. Duncan, Dayton, Wash.; Russel L. Tracy, Salt Lake City; N. H. Slaughter, New York; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dempsey, Tacoma, Wash.; Miss Frances Wagner, Denver, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Burgess, Denver; R. M. Pitts, London; Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Wood, Denver; Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster, Denver; Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Quinn, Philadelphia; George A. Oakes, Bloomfield, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Benson, Denver; E. B. Mayer, New York. Royal Hawaiian.

J. V. Rood, Chicago; William Atwater, New Haven, Conn.; D. M. Bianns, Edmonton, Alb.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Stewart, Seattle; H. J. Allen, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Gardner, Maline, Ill.; D. K. Aus'in, Pasadena, Cal.; Mrs. H. J. Mitchell, Owensboro, Ky.; Miss Louise Mitchell, Owentboro, Ky.

## BUSINESS ITEMS

American Can was strongly manipulated on the New York stock exchange yesterday; common going up three points to 40.75 and preferred to 129.

Other stocks fluctuated with some gains, but Can and Southern Pacific were almost the only ones that did not close lower than the opening prices. The market closed heavy.

Closing quotations for Hawaiian stocks in San Francisco yesterday were as follows: Hawaiian Commercial, 34.75 bid; Hawaiian Sugar, 36.50 bid; Honokaa, 7.12½ bid; Hutchinson, 16.25 bid, 17 asked; Kilauea, 12 bid; Onomea, 32.25 bid; Paauhau, 16.25 bid; Honolulu Plantation, 31 asked; Honolulu Oil Co., 1.30 asked.

Yesterday the 2000 shares of treasury stock of the Pahang Rubber Company were offered by the directors to shareholders at \$20 and were quickly over-subscribed. Subscribers will receive the stock pro rata to their present holdings. This disposition of the treasury stock was in accordance with the resolutions adopted at a meeting of the shareholders some weeks ago. The proceeds will pay the company's debts and provide for extension of the enterprise. The par value of the stock is \$10 a share and it was reported yesterday on the stock exchange as selling at 20 1/8. With the disposition of treasury stock here reported, the authorized capital stock of \$300,000 will be fully paid up.

### FLEE FROM COLD.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Tracy, of Salt Lake, Utah, who for years have been spending the winter in Los Angeles, have fled from the cold weather which has prevailed for a time on the coast, to Honolulu. They are friends of Postmaster Pratt, and are delighted with the change and the conditions they have found here. Mr. Tracy expects to be here for a month.

## For Sale

COLLEGE HILLS—2 choice residence lots 13,500 sq. ft. each .....\$1250  
OCEAN VIEW—Modern home with all conveniences .....\$3500  
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WILHELMINA RISE—5-room Bungalow .....\$3000  
KAIMUKI—Modern 4-room house, large grounds .....\$4500  
WAIKIKI—Choice building lot, 7200 sq. ft. ....\$1750  
PAWAA—Modern 1½ story house .....\$4000  
Fine building lot 12,281 sq. ft. ....\$2000  
PUNAHOU—6-room house and cottage .....\$6000  
1½ story modern cottage .....\$4500  
Modern 5-room bungalow .....\$4850  
PALAMA—3-bedroom house and lot .....\$1750  
PACIFIC HEIGHTS—Choice home .....\$8000  
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## NEW BILL AT THE POPULAR THEATER

"Who Is Who," at the Popular Theater, tonight, by the Raymond Teal Musical Comedy Co., is claimed to be the best musical show ever presented by the Teal company and the first time ever shown at popular prices. Teal announces a chorus girls' contest for Friday night, as extra feature to his already big show. This is the Teal's first change and it will run the rest of the week. "Who's Who" is a roaring farce comedy and a sure cure for the blues. The chorus will have a number of new popular songs and will be gorgeously costumed.

### USE USUAL STAMPS.

The third assistant postmaster, J. J. Britt, has issued a bulletin which has been received by the local postoffice, announcing that until further notice all parcels destined for Cuba, Mexico, Canada and the Republic of Panama will take the usual stamps and not the parcel post stamp. The same applies to all packages addressed to foreign countries.

## PEOPLE OF SMALL MEANS

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### What Is Doing at Kaimuki

THIS IS SOME OF THE WORK MR. ELLSWORTH IS DOING  
Graveling and grading 1200 feet on Eleventh Avenue.  
Graveling and grading, 400 feet on Pahoa Avenue with 400 feet of curbing.  
FOR MR. MERCER, ON RESERVOIR AVENUE.  
Building 500 feet oil road, 600 feet sidewalk, tennis court, basements, floors.  
FOR PALOLO LAND & IMPROVEMENT CO.  
Graveling and grading 800 feet on Magnolia Avenue.  
Graveling and grading 600 feet on Sixteenth Avenue.  
Graveling and grading 400 feet on Maunakea Avenue.  
FOR MR. W. L. HOWARD, PALOLO HILL, MAUMAE AVE.  
Building 1100 feet stone wall 8 feet high.  
Grading nine lots and removing stone; placing 400 feet curbing; building 400 feet stone wall corner Eleventh Avenue and Wai'alae Road for T. Hollinger.  
Grading site for Kaimuki Fire Station.  
Filling and grading playground for the Liliuokalani school. Sixteenth avenue is completed through Ft. Ruger to Diamond Head road.  
OVER \$8000 WORTH OF CONSTRUCTION WORK.  
This is what one man is doing, but there are several other contractors in the field, equally busy.

### WE HAVE FOR SALE IN THIS VICINITY:

House and lot, Park avenue, Kaimuki .....\$2750  
1 acre, Tenth Avenue, Kaimuki .....\$ 600  
3 lots, Ocean View, Kaimuki .....\$1450  
1 lot, corner 15th Ave. and Kaimuki Ave. ....\$ 600  
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